

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Becker et al.

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For: PUMP COMPRISING A SHIELD VALVE
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MEDIUM

Group: 3746

Examiner: Jessica L. Frantz

Our File: SMB-PT123
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2007.

Please amend the application without prejudice as noted in detail below.